

# breakout ABSTRACT

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#### TITLE

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DATA: TIPS, TOOLS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR USE IN TRACKING

#### **TRACK**

**Network Content** 

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1) what is observational data and how do you access it?
- 2) there are tools and resources developed for use with hospital discharge data that Tracking can access
- 3) there is very good documentation on hospital discharge data and existing standards

## **SUMMARY**

This presentation will provide an overview of hospital discharge data and tips on working with the state stewards for hospital discharge data, including addressing the issue of data release. The tools, standards and resources developed specifically for hospital discharge data are available on the NAHDO website. Other issues that will be covered are observational stays which are not always included in the inpatient discharge data; cross boundary issues - residents of one state seeking medical care in a neighboring state; and working with federal hospitals.

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